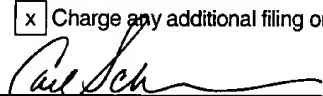




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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER				Docket No. OSY-0000	
Application No. 09/581,253		Filing Date June 26, 2000		Examiner R. Madsen	
				Art Unit 1761	
Applicant(s): Hiroo Ikegami, et al					
Invention: LOW POSITIVE PRESSURE CANNED FOOD HAVING AN INTERNAL PRESSURE INSPECTION APPITUTE AND CAN THEREFOR					
TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS					
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.					
The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below.					
CLAIMS AS AMENDED					
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TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT:					0.00
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No additional fee is required for this amendment.					
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

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Application No.: 09/581,253

Filed: June 26, 2000

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the first Office Action dated February 4, 2003, after filing a Request for Continued Examination under Rule 114, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 5, 7-9 and 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1, 10, 13 and 16 as set forth below in clean form. Additionally, in accordance with 37 CFR 1.121(c)(1)(ii), amended claim(s) is/are set forth in a marked-up version in the page(s) attached to this Amendment.

1. (Thrice Amended) A low positive pressure canned food having an internal pressure inspection aptitude in which contents are filled and sealed in a seamless can, comprising: a body and a bottom thereof molded integrally so that can internal pressure assumes at least a low positive pressure state with respect to the outside atmospheric pressure, characterized in that the can internal pressure is in a range of from 0.2 to 0.8 kgf/cm² at room temperature, the bottom of said seamless can has an annular ground portion of which a ground diameter is 70 to 90% of that of the can in a vicinity of an outer peripheral portion and being convex relative to the exterior